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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 9/825,430  
"METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ALLOCATING TIME SLOTS FOR  
AN ASSOCIATED CONTROL CHANNEL"  
Your Ref.: BP 101469/MB  
Our Ref.: 297-010250-US (PAR)

Dear Mr. Brax:

Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment that was filed on July 8, 2005 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for the above-referenced patent application. This Amendment was filed in order to respond to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005.

In preparation of this response, we have considered the suggestions in your letter of instructions, and have included your argument in the Remarks. We noted that your argument refers to the lack of the language "control channel" appearing in the cited Ostrup. However we did not find the term "control channel" to appear in the body of each of the independent claims, even though "control channel" appears in the preamble. Examiners, in accordance with the US practice, often regard the preamble only as possible use of the invention, but do not regard its terminology as distinguishing over the prior art. Accordingly we amended each of the independent claims to include the "control channel" in the body of the claim, and further amended claim 1 to meet the editorial objections raised by the examiner on page 2 of the Office Action.

We will keep you advised of further developments with this patent application.

Sincerely,

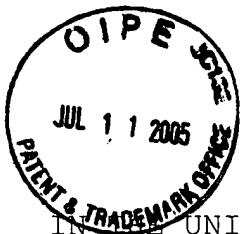
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#### **AMENDMENT**

#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows:

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